*Grant-in-aid to Ayurveda Vaidyasalas.*

18. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state by caste :

(*a*) the number of applications received for grant-in-aid to Ayurveda Vaidyasalas in 1114 ; and

(*b*) the number of Vaidyasalas to which grant-in-aid was sanctioned ?

**Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi** (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) It is too numerous to be listed. There were about 200 applications.

(*b*) Six.

*Bridge at Pathiyoor.*

19. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether since the last budget session of the Legislature the putting up of a bridge at Pathiyoor to the west of the temple and another at Evoor to the east of the Sri Krishnaswami temple has engaged the attention of Government?

**Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar** (*Chief Engineer*) : An estimate has been prepared for the Pathiyoor bridge. No action has been taken in respect of the Evoor bridge.

**Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** It is said that an estimate has been prepared for the Pathiyoor Bridge. May I know what the estimated amount is and when the bridge will be put up ?

**Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar:** The previous estimate was for a bridge of 25 feet span costing about Rs. 3,300.

**Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** May I know the probable time during which the bridge will be completed ?

**Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar:** We are now considering another cheaper type of bridge known as 'rural bridge'. It is being scruitinised by the local officers. If we are able to reduce the amount, probably the construction of the bridge will be completed this year.

**Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** May I know why nothing has been stated about the Evoor Bridge ?

**Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar:** It is proposed to take up that bridge as soon as the construction of the Pathiyoor bridge is over.

*Pakuthi Cutcherries*

20. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total number of Pakuthi Cutcherries in the State ;

(*b*) the number of rented buildings for the same ;

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(*c*) whether it is the policy of Government to have Government buildings for Pakuthi Cutcherries;

(*d*) if so, how many buildings were built last year for the purpose; and

(*e*) how many do Government propose to build this year?

**Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao** (*Land Revenue and Income tax Commissioner*): (*a*) 410.

(*b*) 244.

(*c*) Yes; as far as possible.

(*d*) 1.

(*e*) 3.

**Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: Sir, it has been declared as a policy of Government to house Pakuthi Cutcherries in Government buildings. But in the answer it is stated that only one building was constructed during the last year and three are proposed to be constructed during this year. May I know from the member, in view of this slow progress, whether it will not take many more years to attain the object of Government.

**Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao**: Sir, there is a standard design sanctioned by Government for the Pakuthi Cutcherries, and the cost of each building will come to about Rs. 2,000. So, it will not be possible to take up many buildings in one year. The work is taken up with due regard to the amount budgeted for each year.

**Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: May I know whether at least five new buildings can be constructed in an year?

**Mr. M Ramachandra Rao**: Yes, Sir, that may be tried.

**Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi** (*Karunagapalli, Karthikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalla*): May I know the average rent for these hired buildings?

**Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao**: From two to four Rupees, Sir.

**Mr. Kochickal P. Balakrishnan Tampi**: May I know then, whether it is not more economical to have rented buildings?

**Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao**: May be so, Sir; but it is the policy of the Government to have their own buildings as far as possible.

*Recruitment and promotion of teachers.*

21. * **Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether candidates with M. A. qualifications are given preference to graduates in the matter of recruitment to and promotions in the Education Department;

(*b*) whether candidates with M. A. qualifications are preferred to those with B. A. qualifications in the matter of recruiting them for training in the Training College, Trivandrum;

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